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Mr. McCone: This is [] who is the Director
of our Office of Research, which concentrates on the Soviet economy.

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Mr. Flood: Where did you find a fellow like this? How
would you get up here?

Mr. McCone: Like []

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Mr. Flood: Yes.

Mr. McCone: I am glad you asked that question, Mr. Flood.
I would like to say this for the record. As you men know, I have
been with CIA for not too long, three and a half years. I did not
have much to do with the creation of the Agency. As you also know,
I have been in a number of different departments of government and
also have had a considerable and varied experience in industry.

Mr. Sikes: And you have made great contributions to all
of them.

Mr. McCone: I have never found a higher level of intellectual
quality in any organization I have ever been associated with than I
have in the Central Intelligence Agency. It has been one of the most
pleasant and gratifying experiences of my life, and it has given me a
feeling of great confidence in the fact that our policy makers have

thoughtful estimates and findings upon which to base their decisions.

Mr. Sikes: That is a very reassuring statement.

Mr. Flood: That is a fine statement, but I was wondering how you happened to come up out of the barrel of 100 million people with a fellow like this. Who does that? Do you have something to do with that?

Mr. McCone: I have something to do with it, yes, but it is done through a highly developed and, I think, successful personnel appraisal system.

Mr. Flood: Within your own shop?

Mr. McCone: Within our own shop.

Mr. Sikes: Mr. Director, we have just heard the bells for a roll call and that will interrupt our proceedings here to the point that I question whether we should try to proceed further. May we have you back at 10 o'clock?